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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6 and 7 have been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 1 and 3-8 remain pending. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application are requested.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Herring (US 2,568,628). Claims 2-8 were indicated to be allowable. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 2. Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form. The other pending claims depend from one of these claims. Hence, the rejection is moot.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claims 1 and 3-8 at an early date is solicited. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Curtis B. Hamre, Reg. No. 29,165 at (612) 455-3802.

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